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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1916.

NORWAY

The Washington Whist at the Opera House, Thursday evening, held under the auspices of the Norway Red Cross Chapter was one of the pleasantest occasions of the winter. The affair was in charge of Miss Agnes J. Best, chairman of the entertainment committee in the chapter, and as fully \$50 was realized, the results are most gratifying. Some 200 guests gathered and enjoyed a most enjoyable evening. Captains were appointed, whose duty it was to provide tables, cards, and refreshments for their party of four or eight, as the case might be, several in-coming two tables. The following captains were appointed: Mrs. Hugh Pendexter, Mrs. H. B. Cummings, Mrs. Ernest W. Hutehins, Mrs. Harry P. Jones, Mrs. William F. Jones, Mrs. Fred H. Cummings, Mrs. Herbert F. Andrews, Mrs. Eugene E. Andrews, Mrs. James N. Paver, Mrs. Albert J. Stearns, Mrs. E. D. Carroll, Mrs. Trice C. Merrill, Mrs. Alfred L. Buck, Mrs. Herman L. Bartlett, Mrs. Perry H. Nevers, Mrs. Lester V. Ashton, Mrs. James N. Tubbs, Mrs. Fred B. Brown, Mrs. Walter F. Tabin, Mrs. Henry B. Foster, Mrs. William C. Leavitt, Mrs. Arthur W. Easton, Mrs. George L. Curtis, Mrs. Howard D. Smith, Mrs. Fred E. Smith, Mrs. Eugene P. Smith, Mrs. Charles P. Hildon, Mrs. Jane Cummings, Mrs. Vickie W. Hills, Mrs. Homer Luck, Mrs. A. LaCock, Mrs. Frank E. DeCoster, Mrs. Howard B. Young, Mrs. George P. Lucke, Mrs. Z. L. Merchant, Mrs. C. B. Akers, Mrs. Merton L. Kimball, Mrs. Frank E. Brett, Mrs. Gertrude Gardner, Mrs. Elizabeth McCreary, Mrs. Jeanie P. Baker, Mrs. Tessa Thibodeau, Mrs. Elizabeth Best, the Misses Mary and Frances Jones, The High School Mandolin. Fish furnished music the first of the evening, and also at the close of the evening for dancing after the games. Refreshments were arranged on tables at either side of the hall. The stage was draped with large flags, presenting a patriotic appearance, suitable for the season.

Ray B. Haron, from the extension department at Orono is assisting Prof. George A. Yeates for two or three weeks, in the pig and poultry work throughout the county.

Prof. George A. Yeates went to Buckfield, Saturday night, where he will conduct an Extension school of three days in dairy instruction and at the same time will be in charge of the school at Buckfield. The school began Monday at the North Buckfield Orange Hall and lasts three days.

Howard Fairs is home from the University of Maine for a few days vacation.

H. O. Dimes was at home from Lynn, Mass., over the holiday, and the week end.

Mrs. Dana Fell and sprained her ankle, Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary J. Llewellyn went to Trevelyan's Hospital, Friday afternoon for treatment.

Oxford Mayal Arch Chapter, No. 39, P. & A. M., held a stated convocation Wednesday evening at Masonic Hall, when there was work in the R. A. degree.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Congregational church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Herman L. Haron, when the subject was Home Missions.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Stearns were in Augusta last week. Mrs. Stearns was the guest of Mrs. Florence Hall, while Mr. Stearns attended to trustee business.

Mrs. Emma Brown, who has been ill at her home at Norway Lake, is on the gain.

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THE HOME CIRCLE

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

MOTHER-WIDOW

To Have Good Children You Must Give Them a Chance to Be Good

Helen Johnson Keyes
Children will be good if you give them a chance to be. Perhaps this sounds as if training our boys and girls were easy but that is not my meaning. I think it is very difficult to give them the chance. It means sacrifices, planning, patience and time on the part of the parents.

One of our great students of children, Dr. George W. Jacoby, says, "The child is not bodily or mentally a miniature reproduction of grown-ups." Then he goes on to remind us how a child is continually changing. He begins life as a little animal, he goes on to a stage like that of our savage human ancestors, then he advances farther to the period of childhood and finally he arrives at ideas and standards of living like our own.

It took the human race hundreds and hundreds of years to develop from the animal state to the ideas which control us today; it takes a child sixteen or seventeen years to pass rapidly through the same changes. We can not hurry him much. We must understand his needs during the different periods, supply these needs and gently lead him on and up into the next epoch. We must make each period good of its kind or else he will not gain from it the experience which leads to success in the next period. It is like a child's school work; if he does not learn the lessons of the first grade, he will not get on in the second grade.

The first two years represent the animal stage. The good mother feeds her child with great care. She bathes it tenderly, keeps it in the fresh air and away from excitement. If a mother fails to do these things, her child passes over to the next period with poor health. She has failed to understand and supply his needs at this age. She has laid upon him, probably, the curse of a weak stomach and a nervous disposition. Furthermore, the wise mother, while she attended in the best way to baby's physical requirements, has been doing something else too. By feeding him regularly and teaching him to sleep when put down, she has laid the foundations of obedience, self-control and orderliness. How different already is her healthy, "good" child, from the colicky, fretful child of the unwise mother!

These two children enter on their second period. In this second period, that which lasts from two to ten years of age, they are little savages. One is a healthy savage, the other a sickly one. They have begun to try to get, forcibly, what they want. Often it would harm them and they must be made to obey.

Of course the healthy child is easier to train because his training began when he was born and he is used to having his mother lay down the law. Besides, he is happy and well and so does not find disappointments so hard as the nervous child does.

At this age, they want to find out much about the world and they must do it through their eyes, ears and fingers. Eyes and ears will serve them better and better as the years go on—barring accidents—until old age dalls them; but their finger tips will never again be so delicate as they are then.

MOTHERS TO BE

Should Read Mrs. Monahan's Letter Published by Her Permission.

Mitchell, Ind.—"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound helped me so much during the time I was looking forward to the coming of my little one that I am recommending it to other expectant mothers. Before taking it, sometimes I suffered with nervousness so badly that I thought I could not live, but after taking three bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was entirely relieved of nervousness. I had gained in strength and was able to go around and do all my housework. My baby when seven months old weighed 18 pounds and I feel better than I have for a long time. I never had any medicine on me so much good."—Mrs. FRANK MONAHAN, Mitchell, Ind.

Good health during maternity is a most important factor to both mother and child, and many letters have been received by the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., telling of health restored during this trying period by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Never again will they search out so keenly the real character of what they touch, as before the seventh year.

The wise mother gives her child many things to feel. She has a box in which she puts scraps of silk, wool, cotton, straws and beads, empty spoons, sandpaper and cardboard cut in many different shapes. Of course he must be taught to keep his hands off the ornaments which he might break and soil but she will be patient, though firm, in teaching him, because she understands that to feel things is one of his needs at this age. It is a way in which he is educating himself. By this habit he is learning texture, form, number.

Soon he will make things; wagons out of boxes and spoons, Indian clothes out of old rags, fringes and beads; he will whittle bows, arrows and swords. He may have blunt scissors with which to cut. At first he will clip the paper only into shapely scraps but finally he will attempt birds, animals and people. This will teach him to look at things more carefully.

The precious habit of loving nature may be started. The darling birds, the flitting insects, the gay butterflies will attract him. The wise mother calls his attention to these and then leaves him alone to watch them. How "good" he is! Of course! He has a chance to be good.

The sickly child is disturbed by stomach ache. Besides, his unwise mother says "Don't!" to him all the time. She does not know what his needs are at this age; she is annoyed to see him put his hands on everything; she is afraid he would cut his clothing if she gave him scissors; he might wander off if she let him out in the yard alone, for he has not learned to obey. He is dreadfully "naughty!" Of course! For he is given no chance to be good—no health, no habit of obedience, no opportunity to do what his age urges him to do.

School is begun. The difficult arts of reading and writing must be mastered. Again, the physical condition of the children makes a difference in their progress. The one with a good digestion and sound nerves can be more regular in attendance, he is more attentive to work in the class and tires less quickly.

He has already acquired, before school age, many habits which help him. He knows how to use his hands. Through touch, he has found out about shapes so that he learns his letters rather quickly. With the toys in the scrap box he has counted, added, taken away so that little problems in arithmetic are clear to him. He has observed the flying and growing things and consequently he can observe a blackboard. When he is promoted at the new term, he feels so pleased and proud that he actually likes school.

The badly reared boy hates school heartily, especially when he finds he must stay back and try again to understand what the teacher has been saying day after day. He does not know how to pay attention nor how to use his sight, hearing and hands. He is "bad" and "troublesome." Of course! He was not given a chance to learn what he should have learned in the animal and savage stages, which came before and which should have prepared him for this. Poor youngster, he is not ready for the demands made upon him!

OXFORD

The Sophomore Class of Oxford High school held an entertainment and social in S. of T. Hall, Thursday evening. The program consisted of choruses by the school; songs by Eva Record, Marjorie LeBrook; instrumental solo, Inez Farris; recitations by Nellie Poitelle, Lona Howe, Emory McAllister and Theodore Stone. Mystery boxes and popcorn were on sale.

The Methodist Circle held a meeting on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Ruth Bean.

The Woman's Home Missionary meeting met last week on Friday evening with Mrs. S. P. Keene.

The Robinsons Miss. Co. has closed for an indefinite period owing to coal shortage.

Walter Bean has sold his residence on Pleasant street to William Poole.

Alvin Flood was in town for the week end.

Harry Ray was at home a few days recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jackson are visiting in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Tucker are the guests of Mrs. Emma Heven.

Velma Lord is visiting Mrs. Evelyn Farrington.

Mrs. Hattie Lant and Mrs. Alice Ris are visiting Mrs. Hattie Wood.

Prin. Ralph Parmenter spent a few days in Portland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parrott and Joseph Parrott are in Massachusetts and Rhode Island for a few weeks.

Francis Oliver spent the week end in Portland.

Mrs. Lucille Storer and children are at home.

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POULTRY RAISING WOMAN'S OPPORTUNITY

Writer Calls for Few Hens in Every Back Yard—Gives Hints on Feeding and Care

By G. E. Conkey

Women can raise poultry just as well, or perhaps better, than men. This not only will add to the upkeep of the home but will afford a certain amount of recreation and exercise, relaxing the mind from the monotonous daily grind of home work. Children can easily be taught the care of poultry, laying a foundation for business methods and responsibility that will prove of great value in future life.

Every family having a small space available can keep a few hens. Proper feed and care will make them produce sufficient eggs and meat to supply the home table and probably enough more for marketing.

Decide that you will be a producer of food. Be prepared to take up the raising of poultry or start a garden. If possible, do both. There is much green food, such as vegetable tops and many weeds that can be turned to profit by the hens.

ONLY LIMITED SPACE REQUIRED

Contrary to the ideas of many, the keeping of poultry can be made profitable even in very limited space. I have seen thousands of places where poultry was made to prove profitable where only a small shed or large box was used as a poultry house, with very small space for runs attached. Where cleanliness is observed only small space is necessary in which to confine the stock from the garden or flowers.

It is quite interesting to see the results that can be accomplished with a few well-bred hens. Let your motto be not how many, but how good. Produce standard-bred stock of some reliable breeder who has given careful consideration to the production of eggs in the selection of his breeding stock. There is really no best breed of chickens; it is all a question of breeding for quality wanted. Select whatever breed appeals to you most, but remember that the laying of eggs is an act of reproduction that has been highly developed through domestication.

FEEDS AND EXERCISE

The greatest possible egg production can be obtained only through a combination of health, vitality and contentment, along with proper feeding, housing and breeding. Supplying the proper food for the production of eggs or meat is available but little unless the stock is in a healthy condition and has the power to digest and assimilate the nutriment from the food and convert it into the proper channels for the nourishing and building up of the body. To reach this high state of physical fitness fowls must be kept free from disease and lice. They must have sanitary quarters and an opportunity to exercise and scratch for at least a portion of their food.

A little green food should be fed once each day—this to consist of vegetable tops or lawn clippings. For young or old stock, sprouted oats as a green food cannot be excelled. These may be sprouted by filling a bucket one fourth full of oats. Cover with warm water. After soaking twenty-four hours, pour them into another bucket that has a number of nail holes in the bottom which allows the oats to drain. Place this behind the kitchen range or near the furnace where the temperature will range anywhere from 60 to 70 degrees. More than 70 will cause oats to mould or sour. Cover with damp cloth or sack. Stir gently with hands once each day, keeping oats only moist. If too dry, sprinkle with warm water. In five or six days oats will have long white sprouts and are ready for feeding. This gives you rich nutritious food in the best digestible form inasmuch as it gives you the benefit of the nutriment which the oat sprouts have extracted from the air, adding in the digestion of either foods.

For best results fowls kept for egg production should be fed three times each day. When desired, dry mash may be placed in hoppers so constructed as to avoid waste and kept before the fowls at all times. This mash usually consists of wheat bran, clover meal, middlings, corn meal and other by-products from grains. Meat in some form is essential for both egg production and growth, and should represent at least 15 per cent of the ration.

BUTTERMILK FOR POULTRY

Butter milk or buttermilk is recommended by the government as being the best known feed for poultry of all ages, but more especially for chicks. It is not only a highly nutritious food, but contains the lactic acid that is so beneficial in correcting and preventing white diarrhoea and many other forms of bowel trouble, which not only cause the loss of thousands of baby chicks annually, but make many of those that do survive useless for breeders, as these germs are quite often carried in the parent stock and transmitted to the offspring during breeding.

It is estimated by government officials that more than 70 per cent of the chicks hatched in this country are lost through bowel trouble. Consequently, it is important that every care possible be taken to carry the chicks over the

CANTON

D. A. Freeman had a toe amputated a few days ago, which has been troubling him for some time.

Herman Tirrell is ill at the home of E. H. York.

Nathan B. Walte is at home from Portland, where he attends business college.

Rev. Carrie M. Price has gone to Kingsfield, where she has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church.

Donald Adams is recovering from an illness.

Earl Tripp is ill with the measles.

Ralph McCallum has purchased the Fletcher house on High street and is moving there this week.

Mrs. L. B. Smith and son have gone to Livermore Falls on a visit.

A hulled corn supper and what party held at the Grange Hall, Saturday night for the benefit of the Red Cross, netted about \$14.

Gay F. Boothby dislocated his shoulder, Saturday, when he slipped and fell at the local tannery plant.

Mrs. Marion A. Smith returned Saturday night from an extended visit in Auburn.

The funeral of Lowell B. Smith, who passed away last week after a long period of ill health, was held at the home Thursday at 12:30 o'clock. Rev. Carrie M. Price officiating. Among the floral offerings was a lovely piece from John A. Dodge Relief Corps. The interment was at Pine Woods Cemetery. Among those from out of town who attended were his two sons, Clifton Smith of Rumford and Willis Smith of Lewiston, and G. C. Russell of Rumford. Mr. Smith was born in Peru, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smith and was nearly 82 years of age. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Sarah Ripley, a daughter of Harry and Jane Ripley. From this union five sons were born: Charles, who passed away several years ago; Willis, who resides in Lewiston; Frank, of Lynn, Mass.; Clinton, of Rumford, and Fred Smith. After the death of Mrs. Smith he married Mrs. Grace Ashworth of Livermore Falls, who survives. He also leaves several grandchildren. Mr. Smith was a Civil War veteran, a member of the 10th Maine Regiment.

Arthur Tucker of Yarmouthville has been visiting friends in town.

Geo. Lavorgna is in a hospital at Charlotte, N. C., with the mumps.

Mrs. G. F. Towle has been visiting her brother and family at North Turner.

John A. Dodge Relief Corps will hold an apron sale and serve a supper in the near future, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase knitting material for the soldiers.

Franklin Mead of North Bridgton, a grandson of the late Franklin Mayo of Canton, is serving his country in France.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdell Wright, who have been employed at Winchester, N. H., for the past year have returned home.

A. E. Russell, Jr., went to Rumford, Wednesday evening to visit the Masonic lodge in his official capacity as district deputy and to Dixfield, Tuesday evening.

G. C. Russell of Rumford has been a guest of relatives in town.

Miss Nellie Michaels will remain for a time as assistant at the Canton High school, instead of going to Leavitt Institute as planned.

Washington's birthday was observed by exercises in the village schools, Friday.

Mrs. William F. Mitchell, Jr., who has been quite ill, is improving.

The senior class of Canton High school presented the drama, "The Dust of the Earth," at Canton Opera House, Friday evening to a full house. Those who took part were: Harold Bradford, Miss Mabel Hines, Miss Ora Woodward, Miss Tripp, Ansel Ellis, Miss Beth Johnson, Rodney McCollister, Clara Ludden, Miss Madeline Hines and Prin. Frederick J. Pope, who took the part assigned Donald Adams who was ill. All characters were well taken.

Among the specialties was the old-fashioned minuet danced by eight children in costume of "ye olden time." Donald B. Partridge of Norway gave "Ticklish Heuben," in his usual fine manner. Music for the evening was furnished by Arthur Westgate, Eleanor Westgate and Swasey Wadlin. A social dance followed and tea cream was on sale. About \$50 was netted for the expenses of the graduating class.

Mrs. E. D. Waterhouse delightfully

entertained the Ladies' Aid of Hartford, Thursday, at an all day meeting.

A bonafide dinner was served at noon, to which 48 were present. In the evening a whist party was held with three tables. Recitations, readings and singing were enjoyed, and refreshments were served.

Everett Reynolds is ill.

Miss Ethel W. Russell of Auburn has been visiting her parents, A. F. Russell and wife.

Mrs. Chas. Merry of Madison has been a guest of Mrs. W. B. Gilbert.

Albert Dodge of South Paris has been spending a few days with his sisters, Mrs. L. B. Card, and family.

D. H. Partridge of Norway has been a guest of friends in town.

Swasey Wadlin, who has enlisted for service, left for Newport, Sunday.

Word has been received that Fred Ellis, who was on his way home on a furlough, is ill in a hospital in New York.

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NORTH WATERFORD

Mrs. Bell Brown, who has been with her son, Walter, for the past year, passed away Tuesday morning at his home. She had a shock several years ago, and has been helpless since that time. She leaves three sons, Walter, Neil, Arnold, and one daughter, Mrs. Frances Clough. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery at this place.

Schools have closed until April 1. Miss Lord, the primary teacher, does not expect to come back again.

The men who have been cutting timber on Grant road have finished, and are working on the "valley road" now.

M. F. Knight is driving Harry Brown's team for a few days.

Reuben Nason has a team hauling pine for Ernest Crouse, taking Ernest Ray's place.

Gay McAllister, Mahlon Grover and his niece, Edith Andrews, went to Paris, Saturday. Edith remained with her aunt, Mrs. Ernest Paine. The Paines have moved to Oxford this week, where Mr. Paine has employment on a milk farm.

Mrs. Elma Seelous and son, Rex, have gone to Waterville, where she will work for her brother-in-law, A. L. Chaplin.

Benjamin Kimball is with his mother, Mrs. Martha Black.

WERE THE CHILDREN NAMED?

Fifty-six children born in Brunswick, Maine, during 1917 have never been named according to the books of the town clerk. In a recent issue of the Brunswick Record the editor called attention to the fact that the births of only 120 out of 176 children born in 1917 were properly recorded. "In years to come more than one of these 56 children will need a certificate of birth, but unfortunately it will be impossible for the town clerk to furnish it."

Brunswick is not alone in the failure of many parents and physicians to attend to the records of birth, says the State Department of Health in its weekly statement. Everywhere the carelessness is evident and must be guarded against. During one year, the Philadelphia Bureau of Vital Statistics received daily an average of forty requests for copies of birth certificates, the majority of which could not be granted because the births were never recorded. The birth certificate is of vital importance to the child who may some time be called upon to prove his age. Retained keys have forfeited the right to work as a certain age has been taken away, all proof of citizenship has often been lost because the simple act of recording birth was neglected.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Robert Crockett of Bryant's Pond called on his brother, W. H. Crockett, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Stowell visited with relatives in Mechanic Falls, Friday and Saturday.

Drs. Brown and Wight of Bethel were in town on business, Wednesday.

Mrs. William Smith and baby left Saturday for New York, where she will join her husband.

C. B. Tebbets and Chris Bryant were out of town on business, Saturday.

Mrs. Harley True of Norway was a Sunday visitor with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Stowell.

Marjorie Farwell and Louis Tirrell were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Farwell at Middle Interocean.

Mrs. Harriet Herrick has been visiting relatives in Portland, Saturday.

W. H. Swift was in Lewiston, Saturday.

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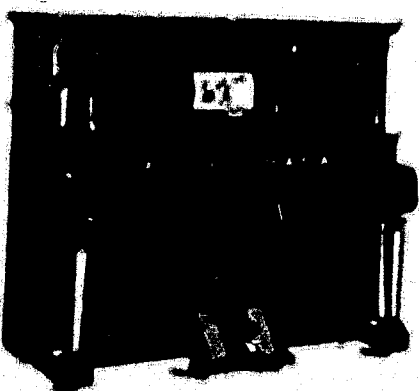
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BETHEL AND VICINITY.

The annual town meeting will be held Monday, March 4th.

Mr. Stanley Wheeler of So. Paris was a business visitor in town, Saturday.

Mr. Elmer Benn has completed his duties at the store of Ceylon Rowe & Son.

Mrs. Eli Stearns has gone to the Children's Hospital, Portland, for treatment.

Miss Miriam Herrick, who has been spending several days with friends in Boston, returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Evander Whitman spent Sunday with Mrs. Whitman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Andrews, of Norway.

Mrs. E. C. Frost came down from The Glen, Thursday, to see her mother, Mrs. Lucy Folsom, who is quite ill of bronchitis.

Mrs. Sidney Abbott, who was with her niece, Miss Annie Frye, during her last sickness, returned to her home in Andover, Friday.

Mr. Elmon Jordan of Mechanic Falls was in town, Saturday, to see his father, Mr. Harry Jordan, who has been ill, but is now improving.

Mrs. Harriet Twaddle and son, Dr. Wild Twaddle, were called to Auburn, Monday, by the illness of Mrs. Twaddle's son, Dr. Gard Twaddle.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral of Mr. Arthur Douglas, Monday, were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Douglas of Portland, Mrs. A. T. Heath of Orono, Mr. B. C. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Hill, Mrs. Percy Nevers, Mrs. Winnie Hall, Miss Lizzie Gammon, Mr. Ralph Flood and Mr. Frank Gammon all of Norway.

Bethel now has a new undertaker. Mr. Gray E. Jack formerly of Portland has been in town several days and has decided to settle in business here. His headquarters for the present will be Maple Inn until he is able to get the location he wants for his undertaking rooms. Mr. Jack is a graduate of Monmouth Academy and later attended Kent's Hill Seminary, going from there to work for L. C. Roberts of Readfield in the furniture and undertaking business where he remained for four years, and then with Wakefield and McNaughton of Gardiner as licensed embalmer and funeral director, thus giving him experience in both country and city work. Mr. Jack is a man of pleasing appearance and comes to Bethel highly recommended.

ALBANY

A. G. Bean, who has been having the grip, is getting along nicely. Mrs. Bean, who was taken sick with it a few days after he was, is on the gain, too. Fletcher Bean has been doing the chores for them, and Marion Bean is doing the housework.

Miss Bean, who has been at home for the short time, returned to Andover, Tuesday. Wood has been practicing so they hope now to be able to heat the school building where she is teaching. Wallace E. Cummings has finished cutting wood for Abel Andrews and is working for Arthur Andrews.

Arthur Andrews and family were guests at Sumner Grover's of North Waterford, recently.

Mrs. Ella Cummings has returned from East Waterford, where she has been caring for Mrs. Clayton McFall and little daughter.

Geo. Kimball of North Bridgton bought a calf of H. L. Bean, also two cows of A. G. Bean, recently. Albert Kouskian is cutting wood for L. J. Andrews.

AVOID PNEUMONIA

Pneumonia kills more than 1,000 Maine people every year, says the State Department of Health. The largest number of deaths occur in February and March as a general rule, with January, April and May close followers. Pneumonia is not confined to any age though the mortality is greatest among middle-aged and older people. It is now understood that every case of pneumonia should be regarded as a possible source of infection. Patients should be isolated as much as possible and communication with other people reduced to a minimum. All utensils, clothing, handkerchiefs, and bedding should be kept separate and sterilized before being used again. Those in attendance on pneumonia patients should avoid unnecessary contact with others. Fresh air is now considered one of the leading factors in the prevention and the cure of pneumonia. Care should be taken, when the weather changes, to avoid colds and other weakening diseases, which act as predisposing causes, says the Department.

Dr. J. H. Wight was a business visitor in South Paris, Saturday.

Mr. Chas. Cross of Gorham, N. H., was the guest of relatives in town last week.

Mr. A. Van Den Kerkhoven attended a telephone meeting in Lewiston, Tuesday evening.

Mr. H. M. Farwell is assisting Mr. Ira Jordan in the store during the illness of Mr. Harry Jordan.

Miss Margaret Herrick returned to her laboratory research work at Harvard Medical School, Tuesday.

Miss Iona Tibbets of Gorham Normal School spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Tibbets.

Mrs. Evander Whitman attended the wedding of her sister, Miss Ava Andrews, last Saturday afternoon at Norway.

Mrs. J. G. Gehring and niece, Miss Natalie True, who have been spending a few days in Portland, have returned home.

Mrs. Judson Carver, who has been spending a few weeks with relatives at Bryant's Pond, has returned to his son's, Mr. I. L. Carver.

The people on the Baker place near Songo Pond who have been having small pox, have recovered and the quarantine was lifted Monday.

Wolfgang Thomas of the Abbott School, Farmington, spent the holiday with his parents, Hon. and Mrs. W. W. Thomas, who are spending the winter at Bethel Inn.

There will be a dance at Grange Hall, Friday night, March 1st. This dance is practically free and everybody is invited. The object of the dance is to help introduce the U. S. Government War Savings Stamps and we hope to see a large number during the evening. To get in you are required to invest 25 cents in a Thrift Stamp and donate 10 cents to the Red Cross. The dance will start at 8 o'clock. Refreshments of ice cream and cake will be served.

The Duxaplex Club was out for a look and they wanted Mrs. Davis to do her part.

To her home on High street they made their way. With dainty refreshments and pinks for array.

A pluch of green tea with a slice of lemon in it. Reminded them of Hoover but he wasn't in it.

The evening was spent by the seven members in knitting. Not counting their stitches while they had been sitting.

Ten o'clock came and with hearty good wishes. They left for their homes with empty dishes.

One of the Seven.

SONGO POND

Miss Maxine Clough is spending a few days in Bethel, the guest of her aunt, Miss Vira Hall.

George Morey is working for Abner B. Kimball.

Fred Murphy is stopping with L. N. Kimball.

Herman Brown was in Norway, Monday.

John Kimball of Locke's Mills called on his mother, Mrs. B. C. Kimball, one day last week.

Mrs. Charles Lyon of Bethel and Mrs. Harry Lyon and daughter, Eleanor, of Grover Hill were Sunday guests at Geo. Haggood's.

Mrs. Will Burbee and two children spent a few days with Mrs. Abner Kimball before going to East Bethel with James Burbee and family.

Mrs. Herman B. Brown and baby, Everett, who have been in Norway for the past week, helping Mrs. Imogene Brown, who has been ill, have returned home.

P. H. Bennett is on the sick list. Mrs. Abner Kimball and son, Leon, and visited with Mrs. Tom Logan, Sunday.

Arnold Brown is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Mildred Clough, before returning to No. Waterford.

WEST BETHEL

W. D. Mills and G. D. Merrill were in East Stoneham one day last week.

Miss Ethel Allen returned to her home here Saturday, having spent a number of weeks in Cambridge, Mass.

Mrs. Mlle Hall, who has been spending some weeks in Portland, returned home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert from Westbrook, P. Q., visited Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gilbert last week.

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SUNDAY RIVER

James Mundt of Grover Hill visited his uncle, Jim Splaney, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving French spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Williamson.

Joe Splaney finished hauling wood to Bryant's mill and commenced working for Robert Foster, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter born the 22nd.

Mrs. C. A. Baker spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. C. O. Eames, in Middle Intervale last week.

Frank Williamson harvested his ice last week.

H. M. Kendall has sold his hay press to the Berlin Mills Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Parker visited at Lorin Trank's, West Paris, recently. Wm. Powers, Sr., keeps house for them during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bean are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, Feb. 20. Mrs. Bean is in Andover being cared for by her sister, Mrs. Millie Lombard.

Mrs. Harry Williamson called at H. M. Kendall's, Monday.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE INSURANCE CO., MANCHESTER, N. H.
Assets Dec. 31, 1917

Real Estate, \$380,000.00
Marriage Loans, 6,507.60
Stocks and Bonds, 6,021,477.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 411,155.28
Agents' Balances, 578,510.31
Bills Receivable, 1,500,000.00
Interest and Rents, 55,673.40

Gross Assets, \$7,383,803.59
Deduct Items not admitted, 4,400.57

Admitted Assets, \$7,383,803.02
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1917

Net Unpaid Losses, \$578,232.32
Unearned Premiums, 3,157,186.54
All other Liabilities, 230,185.59
Cash Capital, 1,500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 2,112,189.53

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$7,383,803.02
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PROBATE NOTICES

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court at Paris in vacation and for the County of Oxford, on the twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1918, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Sarah W. Brown, late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Elery C. Park as executor thereof presented by Elery C. Park, the executor therein named. The appointment to be made without bond, according to said will.

ADDISON E. HERRICK,
Judge of said Court.
A true copy—attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.
223-31.

MAINE COUNTY

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By arrangements with some of our brother publishers, we are able to offer trial subscriptions, one month, of several of our Maine County Weeklies, free of charge.

If you are interested in any of the sections which they represent, we should be pleased to have you make request for any one of these papers, in person, or by postal.

Androscoggin, Lisbon Enterprise, Arrostook, Arrostook Pioneer, Arrostook, Fort Fairfield Review, Cumberland, Brunswick Record, Franklin, Franklin Journal, Knox, Camden Herald, Penobscot, Eastern Gazette, Piscataquis, Guilford Register, Somerset, Independent-Reporter, York, Kennebec Enterprise. While it is intended to send only one of the above papers, under the offer, if you are interested in the news from more than one of the counties mentioned, we should probably honor your request, even if you should ask for several of these papers.

U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

You without doubt are complaining of the high cost of living. Back in the days of the Revolution Abigail Adams was doing the same thing. Here are some prices quoted from a letter she wrote her husband, the second President of the United States, given out recently by the Food Administration:

Meat—\$1.00 to \$2.00 a pound.
Corn—\$25.00 a bushel.
Rye—\$30.00 a bushel.
Potatoes—\$10.00 a bushel.
Molasses—\$12.00 a gallon.
Flour—\$5.00 a hundredweight.
Cider—\$40.00 a barrel.
Cheese—\$2.00 a pound.
Butter—\$3.00 a pound.
Sugar—\$3.00 a pound.

This was Abigail's list in 1776. In 1779 sugar rose to \$4.00 a pound and tea the same. In 1780 butter sold for \$12.00 a pound and tea for \$40.00.

Such were the prices in Revolution—any times when we were trying to carry on a war and feed only ourselves at the same time.

CHILD WELFARE PLANS

Reports received at the State Department of Health indicate a general interest in the plans for the Children's Year which begins April 1st. It is evident that many communities in the State will take an active part in the child welfare campaign. Maine's effort to save more than 576 babies, the quota assigned by the Federal Child Welfare Bureau, will be a war move as well as a move to make society more efficient for the years following the war.

RUM

An examination State Certificates of elementary grade was last in Municipal Hall.

Miss Amelia Page position in the Rum. On Thursday evening D. D. C. Learned of present at a meeting of the purpose, after which it in the Bank of Equity made at that time Night which is to be of March 28th.

The Willing Work church are rehearsing presented in March, given to the Red Cross. Plans are well on Freeman's Hall which Municipal Hall on the 1st. The committee pointed. Over a dozen Freeman's Association pany B and a service number of stars will hall decorations.

Members of Company who have received pro are William Hanley, E. Ena Carrier, each be 2nd Lieutenant. Friends and relative Jr., formerly of this to been working in California six years, will be inter his promotion to sergeant camp, 1st Regt. located. At Waco, Texas, where located. Mr. Ash has vice of the United States a month.

Mrs. Fred Berry has pretty handkerchief review, showing the life from George Christoph Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Glend Prospect avenue are recelations upon the birth of The Misses Grandin, spending this week in New York.

Miss Sadie Dennis is at the Cummings Construction the afternoons, when she ing school. Deputy Sheriff L. L. Sheriff Philip Lessor, and Sheriff William Cyr for tax collector at the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. William moved into the lower room. Mrs. Bibeau house on Wald Morton is a chemist at the A whilst party was held day evening at the Ch building, the proceeds going for Red Cross.

Thirty-five members of Lodge of Elks are releasing great Elks Minstrel Show sent in Majestic Theatre and 5th. An orchestra of will furnish the music. Bureau of Portland is drill. The performances are for Company B. The Elks are plans for a May ball to be principal hall on the evening. The boys of Company B give the proceeds from this. The boys in the advanced training class are making which presents for the boys B will be sent. The boys grade at the Pettongill school a bird feeding station be placed in the grove l building and kept well a bird food.

Selectman John Martin pointed director of the U. S. Public Service Reserve whose duty it will be to ensure willing to serve the county building. Mr. Martin has ready several of the industries.

Mrs. Andrew T. Nolan's has had a stroke of paralysis a precarious condition.

Mrs. E. J. Hoderick of street is in Waterville visiting, who is a sister in the that city.

Twelve Swedes and Nor Sweden have formed a club the "Outing Club" whose purpose is to take an active interest sports, such as coasting and principal winter sports of the countries. Mat Nelson is master. Mr. Sorenson is president. Miss Mildred Johnson is treasurer.

Mrs. Harry Heath of Park is recovering from a lack of sore throat.

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Wadsworth are receiving.

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Stand as a Special. In fact this safe medicine--a three generations--will over three generations with you.

Buy the large bottle today. It's handy the next time you have when you are bilious, constipated, or when you find at thousands of properties of this truly remarkable.

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RUMFORD

An examination of candidates for State Certificates for teachers of the elementary grade was held on Saturday last in Municipal Hall.

Miss Amelia Paquin has accepted a position in the Rumford National Bank.

On Thursday evening of this week, D. D. C. Learned of Andover will be present at a meeting of the Rumford Lodge for the purpose of installing officers, after which there will be work in the Bank of Equine. Plans will be made at that time for the Ladies' Night which is to be held on the evening of March 28th.

The Working Women of the Baptist church are rehearsing a drama to be presented in March; the proceeds to be given to the Red Cross.

Plans are well under way for the Fireman's Ball which is to be held in Municipal Hall on the evening of April 1st. The committees have been appointed. Over a dozen members of the Fireman's Association belong to Company B and a service flag, bearing the number of stars will be used in the hall decorations.

Members of Company B of Rumford, who have received promotion in France, are William Hanley, Robert Shand, and Ena Carrier, each being promoted to 2nd Lieutenant.

Friends and relatives of Philip Ash, Jr., formerly of this town, and who has been working in California for the past six years, will be interested to learn of his promotion to sergeant in the aviation camp, 1st Regiment, 5th Squad, at Waco, Texas, where he is at present located. Mr. Ash has been in the service of the United States a little over a month.

Mr. Fred Berry has received a very pretty handkerchief case and folding views, showing the life of a soldier, from George Christopher, who is at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Stephens of Prospect avenue are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son.

The Misses Grondin, milliners, are spending this week in Boston and New York.

Miss Sadie Dennis is stenographer for the Cummings Construction Company in the afternoon, when she is not attending school.

Deputy Sheriff L. L. Niles, Deputy Sheriff Philip Lessard, and former Deputy Sheriff William Cyr are candidates for tax collector at the annual town meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morton have moved into the lower rent in the Stanley Biebee house on Waldo street. Mr. Morton is a clerk at the Oxford mill.

A whist party was held on Wednesday evening at the Chisholm School building; the proceeds going to the Junior Red Cross.

Thirty-five members of the Rumford Lodge of Elks are rehearsing for the great Elks Minstrel Show to be presented in Majestic Theatre, April 4th and 5th. An orchestra of eight pieces will furnish the music. Bernadette Moreau of Portland is drilling the men. The performances are for the benefit of Company B. The Elks are also making plans for a May ball to be held in Municipal Hall on the evening of May 2nd.

The boys of Company B will also receive the proceeds from this affair.

The boys in the advanced manual training class are making a chest in which presents for the boys of Company B will be sent. The boys in the 7th grade at the Pettengill school are making a bird feeding station, which will be placed in the grove back of the building and kept well stocked with bird food.

Selectman John Martin has been appointed director of the United States Public Service Reserve for Maine, whose duty it will be to enroll men who are willing to serve the country in ship building. Mr. Martin has obtained approval of the industrial recruits.

Mr. Andrew T. Nolan's aged mother has had a stroke of paralysis and is in a precarious condition.

Mr. E. J. Roderick of Franklin street is in Waterville visiting her sister, who is a sister in the convent in that city.

Twelve Swedes and Norwegians of Rumford have formed a club known as the "Outing Club" whose purpose it is to take an active interest in snow sports, such as coasting and skiing, the principal winter sports of their native countries. Mat Nelson is the outgoing master. Mr. Sorenson is president, and Miss Mildred Johnson is secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Harry Heath of Stratglass Park is recovering from a severe attack of sore throat.

Mr. and Mrs. George Glickson of Waldo street are receiving congratulations.

DAMP, CHANGING WEATHER

Brings Its Toll of Sickness to Bethel People.

"Chilly, damp, changing weather is hard on the kidneys," "Even more irritating are colds, grip and pneumonia," They congest the kidneys; They bring backache and disordered kidney action.

For weak kidneys use a tested remedy.

Bethel people recommend Doan's Kidney Pills.

"F. M. Wood, Park St., Bethel, says: 'My kidneys began to annoy me some years ago after I had strained my back while lifting. After that, I was in miserable shape for a long time. When I took cold, my kidneys got congested and at times, they acted irregularly. I finally used Doan's Kidney Pills and I have never taken another medicine that acted so quickly. I soon had relief from the backache and my kidneys were regulated. Now, I get Doan's Kidney Pills at Bosserman's Drug Store as needed and they always help me.'"

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Wood had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

tions upon the birth of a daughter.

Austin McNally has gone to Bath to work in the ship yard.

Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin have gone to Bath, where Mr. McLaughlin has employment in the Bath Iron Works.

Miss Mildred Johnson of Portland is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. John Wood is visiting her brother, Edna Wilson, in New York.

Mrs. Archie Thompson and young child have gone to New Hampshire to join Mr. Thompson who has employment there.

Mrs. Adolphus Orino and young son of Portland are visiting relatives in town. Mrs. Orino was before her marriage, Miss Alice Luce.

Interest is unabated in the purchase of War Thrift Stamps in the several schools. Virginia leads with \$240, which is an average of \$1.15 per pupil, and there are 43 War Saving certificates in the school. Pettengill school has \$245, an average \$1.06 per pupil, and 23 certificates. Chisholm has \$214.75, an average of 73 cents per pupil, and 41 certificates. McDonald has \$151.25, an average of \$1.78 per pupil and 6 certificates. Kimball has \$150.12, an average of \$3.26 per pupil, and 20 certificates. Biebee has \$132.75, an average of 89 cents per pupil, and 21 certificates. Stephens High has \$138, an average of 80 cents per pupil, and 20 certificates.

The Mardl Gras celebration at Municipal Hall given under the direction of our local Red Cross Chapter, about two weeks ago, was such a grand success that plans are already under way for a bigger and grander time in the form of a fancy dance May Hall. It will be held in Municipal Hall on the evening of May 1st.

Mr. Fred H. Atwood, the Virginia District greeter, expects soon to move from his present location into the store lower down on Prospect avenue, formerly occupied by J. Harold Poor.

The annual town report of the town of Rumford as of December 31st, 1917, is now in the hands of the citizens, giving in detail the receipts and expenditures and appropriations for the year 1918. The principal features of the report shows an increase of \$258,123, or .05312 per cent in valuation; increase in appropriations to be paid by taxation of \$18,454.07, or .1705 per cent; tax rate of .0535 for 1917, as against .051 for 1916. The treasurer's report shows the interest bearing debt of the town to have been increased from \$239,155.00 December 31st, 1916, to \$250,155.00 December 31st, 1917, an increase of \$11,000.00, or .255 per cent. An analysis of the liabilities shows \$4,155.00 of Trust funds on which the town pays interest only leaving a balance of \$244,000.00 interest bearing debt, secured by 4 per cent bonds to the amount of \$184,500.00 and demand notes at 5 per cent for the balance \$59,500.

Mr. Frederick Pullman led the open forum at the Universalist Church on Sunday, his subject being "The Russian Bolshevik, its leadership, and subjects." The subject was of much interest at this stage of the fall of the Russian people.

ANDOVER

Even Learned has been very ill threatened with pneumonia at Ray Thurston's.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club met Saturday evening at the home of C. A. Rand. Four tables of whist were played and Clayton Sweatt and Mrs. Charles Ripley won the first prizes, and C. A. Rand and Mrs. Ada Merrill the second prizes. Dainty refreshments were served.

The Bible Class met Wednesday evening at the Congregational parsonage.

Vernie Ottignon is visiting at Edmund Bailey's.

Herchel Small, who has been critically ill of pneumonia, is improving. A trained nurse from Rumford is caring for him.

Ralph Hewey and Frank Learned are working at the spool mill.

B. L. Akers was a dinner guest at the home of his brother, J. E. Akers, Sunday.

Cedric Thurston and wife have been recent guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Littlehale, and aunt, Mrs. E. P. Flint, at North Newry.

E. J. Pratt, Jr., was at home Sunday from Black Brook.

Lester Thurston, who is attending school at the State College, Orono, visited his parents, Ralph Thurston and wife, a few days this week.

Rev. J. N. Atwood preached an interesting sermon at the Congregational church, Sunday morning from the text John 21-3.

George Thomas, who has been in Manchester, N. H., for several weeks, returned to Andover, Wednesday of last week and is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Roger Thurston.

Frank Field and wife went to Lawrence, Mass., last week, where Mr. Field will enter a hospital for medical treatment.

The school at No. 4 will close this week, Friday.

The Westleigh brothers from West Bethel are hauling birch from the Emerson farm to the spool mill for Y. A. Thurston.

The village schools gave a fine musical and literary entertainment in the town hall, Wednesday evening, Feb. 20.

The Andover Auxiliary of the Red Cross gave a ball Thursday evening, Feb. 21 in the town hall. A large company was present and a good time was enjoyed by all. A supper consisting of salads, sandwiches, hot rolls, coffee, doughnuts and tarts was served by the ladies.

Mrs. John Hewey was the guest of Mrs. Neal Bodwell, Wednesday, Feb. 20. Mrs. Farrar has been very ill of pneumonia at the home of her son, John Farrington, East Andover.

Edward Abbott is hauling birch to the spool mill.

Mrs. Lucinda Bristol and daughter visited her parents, S. W. Marston and wife, Sunday.

Mrs. Gladys Boulter and daughter, who have been caring for her father, E. J. Pratt, returned this week to their home in Bangor.

Mrs. Sidney Abbott has returned home from Bethel, where she spent several days caring for her niece, Miss Anne Frye, who died recently.

R. L. Thurston and wife were at Rumford, Wednesday of last week.

Lone Mr. Orange will hold his regular meeting Saturday in the hall.

Mrs. Abbie Poor has been spending the winter with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Fox, at Dorchester, Mass.

The Ladies' Aid will meet next Wednesday with Mrs. Charles Bartlett.

Herbert Campbell is working in the woods for Edward Abbott.

Miss Edna Akers, who teaches in Rumford, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home.

The high school assistant left town Friday for her new position and Miss Alice Andrews is substituting for the remainder of the term.

Fernace Akers from Rumford Center was at home over Sunday.

Guy Heddon has finished working for Y. A. Thurston.

A heavy rain fell Tuesday causing the teams to be laid off from hauling birch.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lowe of Bethel were Sunday visitors in town.

Ransom Cole and his son, Dan, were on Howe Hill, Sunday. They moved Elmer to the home of his sister, Mrs. Martin.

Arthur Cross and Elmer were in town one day last week.

Tim Oll and brother, Mike, received word Monday morning of the death of their brother, Tom, of Portland.

Richard Hadakin and his two young sons are working for Sumner Bean of Albany.

F. L. Edwards and Mr. Lovejoy, the pulp surveyor, were in town last week.

Perley Rainey is spending a few weeks at his home in town.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

The regular meeting of the Cosmos Club was held at Hotel Rumford on Monday evening of this week with supper in the private dining room. The paper of the evening was given by Rev. M. A. Baltzer, who took for his subject, "How much shall I tell my boy?"

WEST PARIS

A Fourth of March ball will be held next Monday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross. Good music.

DO YOUR BIT.

Help the boys at the front by your presence at the Red Cross Room. We have a new supply of material and more workers are needed at the room on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It is asked that every member make an extra effort to be present for a while now to help us make up this material which is needed so much at this time.

Don't put off coming until some better date, some next Tuesday.

If there are any who cannot come to the room, and would like work to do at home, either machine or hand work, we would be very glad to furnish them. There are several Red Cross boxes in the public places, such as the post office, and would be very glad to have you drop in your spare change.

Rev. H. A. Markley will preach at the Universalist church next Sunday.

Miss Mabel Bieker was in Norway last Thursday.

Earle Bacon is ill from bronchitis.

Mrs. Addie Mann is ill with a severe cold.

Mr. S. Bubier, Ola Kimball, Gerald Day and the family of Allan Cole are ill with measles.

C. L. Riddon was a business visitor at South Paris, Saturday.

Mrs. F. R. Penley and youngest son, Eugene, were in Portland, Saturday. They go down every Saturday for treatment for Eugene.

Mrs. Harrison W. Welch is recovering from a bad abscess caused by a tooth. Myrtle Robinson is recovering from the measles.

Mrs. E. J. Mann and Mrs. H. R. Tuell were in Norway, Saturday.

The fourth annual prize speaking contest of West Paris High school, to have been held Friday evening, has been postponed indefinitely on account of so many scholars being ill from the measles. Also the opera "Windmills of Holland" to have been presented at the same time.

A basket ball team from Morse High School, Bath, played here against West Paris High, Thursday evening, Feb. 22 in favor of Morse High. This is said to be the fastest team in the state.

Miss Maud Carter, who teaches in Massachusetts, is spending a vacation with her sister, Mrs. F. H. Packard.

Many friends will be interested in a recent letter from Dr. F. E. Wheeler, who went to Fort Oglethorpe in December in which he reports his progress as follows:

"I have completed my course in training in eight weeks, coming out with rank B, next to highest granted anyone. I have received an appointment as Medical officer, at the Reserve Officers Training Camp, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. In this work I am stationed at the infirmary which is really a hospital ranking next to a base hospital. I am also sanitary inspector for the camp, a position of considerable responsibility. I am able in this new work to come into contact with every other branch of the service. I may be sent elsewhere as time goes on, but for the present I am here working for Uncle Sam. Mrs. Wheeler and myself are both well, and unite in sending greetings to our friends in Maine. My address is at Lieut. F. E. Wheeler, Infirmary, R. O. T. C., Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Private Herbert L. Richardson and his wife were guests for a few hours one day last week of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Churchill. Private Richardson enlisted from New Hampshire, as he was a seaman between Berlin and St. Louis, but he is a native of Paris.

W. Frederick Smith returned from a Bath shipyard last week and has gone to Litchfield to work in a saw mill for a former employer.

Ralph Dean, who is employed at Bath, spent the week end here.

Last Wednesday night the family of Gerald Swift, who lives on the Greenwood road, had an experience with a hebo which led to say the least was rather surprising. Their three children are ill from measles, and possibly Mrs. Swift was sleeping lightly, when a woman-like she accused Mr. Swift, saying she heard a noise as if someone was in the house. He arose, and there sitting his supper in the pantry was a tramp who evidently had secreted himself in the buildings before night. The tramp was drinking milk, and said he was about ready to go. He came to the station, broke in and stayed the remainder of the night. When found the station agent thought of having him arrested, but he was thought to be feeble minded, and was sent on his way.

Mrs. Mary Stevens went to Mass. on Tuesday, Thursday, to visit her son, Dwight Stevens and family.

The two-act comedy, "Johnny's New Suit," was presented by West Paris talent at West Sumner, Wednesday evening. A season followed the play and light refreshments were served. On account of the stormy traveling the attendance was not so large as otherwise, but through the kindness and courtesy of everybody concerned \$12.75 was cleared.

"Better Than Worm Tablets"

Some people who are troubled with worms, or whose children sometimes suffer this way, try to get rid of the trouble by using worm tablets, worm lozenges or worm candy. They fail to get the quick results that can be obtained with Dr. True's Elixir, the family laxative and worm expeller.

In fact Dr. True's Elixir, a liquid medicine, is positively better than any worm tablets, worm lozenges or worm candy. There is no remedy that can compare with Dr. True's Elixir for quickly expelling worms, whether they are stomach worms or pin worms.

Besides that, your stomach is toned up and normal action of the bowels is restored when you take Dr. True's Elixir. It is a doctor's preparation, not a patent medicine.

Dr. True's Elixir, the Family Laxative and Worm Expeller, pleasantly and easily and quickly expels worms and makes you feel much better. Remember this when you or your children are troubled with worms. Don't take anything that may upset you, but use Dr. True's Elixir that tones and soothes the bowels and expels worms and don't know it! Most all children have worms. Write us for Dr. True's Elixir.

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PROBATE NOTICES

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1918, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Edmund Merrill late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Fred B. Merrill as executor of the same, without bond as expressed in said will, presented by said Fred B. Merrill, the executor therein named.

Annie M. Frye late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by H. H. Hastings, the executor therein named.

Clarence G. Lapham late of Greenwood, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Herbert E. Day, the executor therein named.

Otis Wyman late of Rumford, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Elphalett P. Goodwin, the executor therein named.

Ann Lindley late of Albany, deceased; first account presented for allowance by John E. Deegan, executor.

Ruth I. Mills late of Gilead; petition that her name be changed from Ruth I. Mills to Ruth I. George presented by said Ruth I. Mills.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest:

ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Erving A. Smith, late of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

H. H. HASTINGS, Bethel, Me.

February 19, 1918. 2-28-31.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of John A. Twiddle late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

HARRIETT L. TWIDDLE, Bethel, Maine.

February 19th, 1918. 2-28-31.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Jacob A. Thurston late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

PAUL C. THURSTON, Bethel, Maine.

February 19th, 1918. 2-28-31.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of Charles P. Pingree late of Albany in the County of Oxford, deceased. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

CLORIE M. PINOREE, Albany, Maine.

February 19th, 1918. 2-28-31.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Horace G. Bennett late of Magalloway Plantation in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

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In fact this safe medicine—a reliable prescription—has been a specialty for three generations—well over 60 years! a record for reliability that should count immeasurably with you.

Buy the large bottle today at your druggist's or general storekeeper's. Have it handy the next time you have a headache; when your stomach is a bit upset; when you are bilious, constipated; or have restless sleep. Take as directed—you will find at thousands before you have found, the surprisingly effective properties of this truly remarkable medicine. Sample free.

The "L. F." Medicine Co., Portland, Maine.

POEMS WORTH READING

"IT"
 Albert E. Vassar.
 If we could keep our spirits sweet,
 While folks around are out of whack,
 'Twould tend to right some things I
 know
 And better feelings soon would show,
 And better that, than talking back.
 But if to pieces we should fly,
 When something ill unstrings our
 nerves,
 Why then the mischief is to pay
 And we're the worse off every way—
 The coziest man the pains deserves.
 St. Louis, Mo.

"SMILE"
 When luck's against you frown not bad,
 Try mightily hard to smile.
 Nobody'll help the fellow that's sad,
 Or him that acts as if he's kinder mad,
 Or a fellow that's got too much bile,
 'Cause they love just him with a genial
 smile.
 You've got to cultivate a grin,
 Though you're sadder or sadder'n sin;
 'Cause the fellow that smiles, in him
 that grin,
 As the fabled bunch that work the
 "mines."
 Are "round lookin'" all the while,
 For the ones that's got a fast class
 smile.

"MOHAI"
 He smiles in the rain and smiles in the
 sun,
 Smiles at sadness as well as at fun,
 Smiles when empty, smiles when full,
 Smiles when you're down, or got a first
 class pull,
 Then you'll see, in a little while—
 That this old world, will return your
 smile.

"SOMEBODY"
 By Edgar Allan Poe.
 O, somewhere there are hearts that
 know no trouble and no care,
 And somewhere there are lives that
 have a lot of luck to spare;
 But if you "someday" is not in the
 sweetening glow of these,
 God grant the strength to face the gloom
 and ever doubt and dread
 Still kneel in faith on reverent knees
 With thankful hearts of prayer
 For comfort of the good green fields
 and blue white overhead.

O, somewhere there are lives that have
 no suffering and no tears,
 And somewhere there are lives that
 dwell in sunshine all their years;
 But if you "someday" is not like these
 pleasant ones and sweet,
 God grant you may be men full strong
 to conquer not but go
 With smiling lips and every foot,
 Glad even, death and snare,
 And for the little chance we have, the
 little love we know.

O, somewhere there are thoughts and
 things that have no waste at all,
 And somewhere there are hearts upon
 whose faces all good may fall;
 But if you "someday" is not where
 they laugh and dance and sing,
 God grant you may not whine and snarl
 but lift a merry face,
 And go your way and trust and cling
 To faith that forward call,
 Because somewhere some day we know
 we'll share his love and grace.

"THE GOSPEL OF LAMOR"
 By Henry Van Dyke.
 But I think the King of that country
 comes out from His twelve best,
 And walks in the world of the weary,
 as if He loved it the best;
 And here in the dusty confusion, with
 eyes that are heavy and dim,
 He meets again the laboring men who
 are looking and longing for him.
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Blessed are they that labor, for Jesus
 partakes of their bread,
 He puts His hands to their burdens,
 and enters their homes at night;
 Who does his best shall have as great
 —the Master of life and of light.

And courage will come with His pres-
 ence, and patience return at His
 touch,
 And manifold sins be forgiven those
 who love Him much;
 And the cries of envy and anger will
 change to the songs of cheer,
 For the telling ago will forget its rage
 when the Prince of Peace draws near.

This is the gospel of labor—ring it, ye
 bells of the kirk—
 The Lord of Love came down from
 above, to live with the men who
 work;
 This is the word that He planted, here
 in the thorn-cursed soil—
 Heaven is blest with perfect rest, but
 the blessings of earth is toll.

THE PENNY YE MEANT TO OBE

There's a funny tale of a stingy man,
 Who was none too good, but might
 have been worse,
 Who went to church on a Sunday night,
 And carried along his well-filled
 purse.

When the sexton came with his beg-
 ging plate,
 The church was but dim with the
 candle's light;
 The stingy man fumbled all through
 his purse,
 And these a coin by touch, not sight

It's an odd thing, now, that guinea
 should be
 So like unto pennies in shape and
 size
 "I'll give a penny," the stingy man
 said,
 "The poor man's gift of pennies
 degrades."

The penny fell down with a clatter and
 "ring"
 And back to his seat heaved the stingy
 old man
 "The world is so full of poor," he
 thought,
 "I can't help them all—I give what
 I can."

But he'd soon the sexton called, to be
 excused
 To see the gold guinea fall into his
 plate!
 He'd have the stingy man's head
 and hands
 Turned to the history, but just in
 time

"No matter," he said—"see the Lord's
 doings"

That guinea of gold is set down to
 me.
 They lend to him who give to the poor;
 It will not so had an investment be—
 "Na, na, mon," the chuckling sexton
 cried out;
 "The Lord is no cheater. He keeps
 these well;
 He knew it was only by accident
 That out o' thy fingers the guinea
 fell"

"He keeps an account, no doubt, for
 the pair;
 But in that account he'll set down to
 thee
 Na, na, o' that golden guinea, my man,
 Than the one bare penny ye meant to
 give."

There's comfort too, in the little tale—
 A serious side as well as a joke;
 A comfort for all the generous poor,
 In the comical words the sexton
 spoke.

A comfort to think that the good Lord
 knows
 How generous we really desire to be;
 And will give us credit in his account
 For all the pennies we long to give.

WOOD CUTTING FOR 1918

Although reports received by the
 State Fuel Administration indicate that
 there is more fuel wood being cut than
 usual, the deep snow, the severe weather,
 and the scarcity of labor have re-
 duced the cut quite a bit below the ex-
 pected. It is possible to cut wood to
 advantage until after the sap starts to
 flow. From then until about the first
 of August the trees are so full of sap
 that the wood cures badly. After about
 the first of August wood cutting for fuel
 can be again taken up and pushed
 vigorously. As seasoned wood gives far
 more heat than unseasoned, it is impor-
 tant to cut all possible before April 1.

The fuel value of wood may be as-
 sumed to be 100 per cent when the wood
 has been cut and properly dried during
 the whole of a season. The same wood
 seasoned for about 6 months has a fuel
 value of 80 per cent. When seasoned
 for 12 months its fuel value is about 65
 per cent and when green about 45 per
 cent. A cord of rock maple thoroughly
 seasoned has about the heating value of
 a ton of good quality coal. The same
 cord of hard green wood would about equal
 two-thirds of a ton of coal. The
 same cord of wood the greater its fuel value
 and the longer it has been cut and
 dried before being burned the better
 it will be. Hard wood dries quicker
 and better than soft wood. Burning
 green wood, or allowing wood to dry
 after being cut are wasteful practices.

If you have anything to
 sell, advertise it.

SOUTH PARIS

Friday evening Morse High school of
 Bath defeated Paris High at basketball
 68 to 12. Paris High girls defeated Mo-
 chegan Falls High 16 to 14. A sociable
 was enjoyed after the games. Mrs.
 Maude Daves and George Soper furnis-
 hed music.

About 60 people attended the recep-
 tion at the Deering Memorial church,
 Friday evening. The reception was given
 to the Cecilia and Junior choir.
 Mrs. George Burnham was organist.
 There was a short musical entertain-
 ment consisting of a piano solo, Miss
 Nellie Jackson; mandolin solo, E. M.
 Mosler; vocal solo, Mrs. Luella Smiley
 and a reading by Mrs. Eben Chapman.
 Remarks were made by T. M. Davis,
 George Robertson and Rev. O. F. Faulk-
 ner. Refreshments were served and a
 social hour enjoyed.

The Mount Pleasant Rehearsal lodge
 celebrated Washington's birthday at
 their regular meeting Friday evening,
 Feb. 22. After the business session
 there was a very pleasing entertain-
 ment, the principal feature being
 "Aunt Jerusha's Album," read by Al
 Morse, who was costumed as Aunt Je-
 rusha. The album contained 21 living
 pictures and each one was framed.
 Those representing the pictures were in
 appropriate costumes. This caused
 much merriment, after which Wash-
 ington pies were served by the ladies with
 hot coffee. A sociable followed with
 Elmer Briggs at the piano. At the next
 regular meeting, March 8, there will be
 a book party.

The household goods belonging to
 C. Wellington Rogers have arrived and
 are being moved in the parsonage on
 Pine street.

Mrs. Lucin Trowbridge Colcord of
 Portland was in town, Friday, as the
 guest of L. L. Mason.

Prof. H. Arthur Foster of Sanford
 spent the week end here with his fam-
 ily.

Mrs. Beryl Allen of Auburn spent
 the week end with her sister, Mrs. Win-
 field Allen of Pleasant street.

Miss Lulu Billings, Mrs. Hall and
 Miss Alice Billings were in Lewiston,
 Saturday, to visit their sister, Mrs. El-
 mer Tyler, who underwent an opera-
 tion recently at the C. M. G. Hospital
 for appendicitis.

Mrs. Clarence Morton and son, Hugh,
 have returned from Portland, where
 Hugh had treatment for a blood blister
 in his ear at the Eye and Ear Infirmary.
 He is gaining slowly.

Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 19, a girls'
 patriotic league was organized at the
 High school buildings, after school
 hours. The committee was composed
 of Mrs. Virgie Wilson, Miss Helen
 Barnes, Miss Ruth Bolster and Miss
 Ethel Crockett. The following officers
 were chosen from the High school girls:
 President, Miss Mary Abbott; vice
 president, Miss Doris Kerr; secretary,
 Miss Evelyn Wight; treasurer, Miss
 Eva Andrews. Other officers were:
 Work committee, Mrs. Virgie Wilson,
 Miss Emma West, finance committee,
 Miss Helen Barnes, Miss Marian Hol-
 lingsworth, executive committee, Mrs. Virgie Wil-
 son, Miss Helen Barnes, Miss Ruth
 Bolster, Miss Ethel Crockett. This is
 to be the junior branch of the National
 League for Women's Service and they
 are to meet every Tuesday after school
 at the High school buildings for sew-
 ing, knitting, scrap book work, etc.
 Many of the girls have already shown a
 great deal of enthusiasm and interest
 in the league work.

Word has been received from Alfred
 Andrews, a former pupil in Paris
 schools, and a son of A. D. Andrews of
 North Paris, that he had reached France
 in safety. He started about the 6th
 of January.

Walter L. Gray left for Portsmouth,
 N. H., Wednesday night on a business
 trip.

Mrs. Frank Porter of Western Ave-
 nue, who is nearly 60 years of age, is
 ill with measles and under the care of
 a nurse.

In the family of Henry Flemming
 there are eight children ill with measles
 and seven are sick with the flu. The
 family of James Record of Elm Hill—
 William C. McArthur of Hopedale
 Mass., is spending a few days visiting
 relatives in town.

Mrs. Drucilla Dunn, 72, passed away
 Thursday, Feb. 21, at the home of her
 son, John Dunn, after a lingering
 illness of several weeks. Death was
 due to old age. The deceased was the
 widow of Aaron Dunn, who passed
 away several years ago.

There was an all day bankruptcy
 hearing at Register of Probate's office,
 county building, Wednesday, Hastings
 and Vassau. Walter L. Gray presided.
 Albert J. Park was trustee. Elmer C.
 Park, Esq., of Bethel appeared for the
 trustee and Henry Hastings, Esq., for
 the bankrupt. Miss Ruth Smith was
 stenographer. Witnesses were Tom F.
 Hastings, Norman L. Hastings, Thomas
 W. Vassau and J. Fred Hall.

There was 72 degrees difference in
 the temperature in some parts of the
 town from Wednesday morning until
 Thursday morning. The water com-
 pany is being kept busy thawing out
 pipes.

The Service League has finished 1600
 surgical dressings.

Washington's birthday was celebrated

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PRUDENCE SAYS SO

By Ethel Hueston



SYNOPSIS.

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CHAPTER II.—Carol and Lark secure a copy of "The Oxford County Citizen" and read the account of the recent fire at the Starr home.

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turning and making it a protest, almost a fine art. Usually he was self-possessed, assertive, confident, but in the presence of this sparkling twin, for once he was abashed.

Carol was in an ecstasy of delight. She was not a man-eater, perhaps, but she was early romance-mad.

The callow youths of Mount Mark, of the Epworth league, and the college, were almost unanimous in laying their adoration at Carol's feet. But Carol saw the elasticity, the buoyancy, of loves like these, and she couldn't really count them. She felt that she was ripe for a bit of solid experience now, and there was solid enough about Jim—he was solid enough. And now, although she could see that his feelings stirred, she felt nothing but excitement and curiosity. A proposal, a real one! It was imminent, she felt it.

"Carol," he began abruptly, "I am in love."

"Are you?" Carol had not expected him to begin in just that way. "Yes, I have been for a long time, with the sweetest and dearest girl in the world. I know I am not half good enough for her, but I love her so much that I believe I could make her happy."

"D-do you?" Carol was frightened. She reflected that it wasn't so much a fun as she had expected. There was something wonderful in his eyes, and in his voice. Maybe Lark was right—maybe it did hurt! Oh, she really shouldn't have been quite so nice to him!

"She is young—so am I—but I know what I want, and if I can only have her, I'll do anything I can." His voice broke a little. He looked very handsome, very grown-up, very manly.

Carol quivered. She wanted to run away and cry. She wanted to put her arms around him and tell him she was very, very sorry and she would never do it again as long as she lived and breathed.

"Of course," he went on, "I am not a fool. I know there isn't a girl like her in ten thousand, but—she's the one I want, and—Carol, do you reckon there is any chance for me? You ought to know. Lark doesn't have secrets from you, does she? Do you think she'll have any?"

Certainly this was the surprise of Carol's life. If it was romance she wanted, here it was in plenty. She stopped short in the doorway, looking at him, and stared at him.

"Jim Forrest," she demanded, "is it Lark you want to marry, or me?"

Carol opened her lips and closed them. She did it again. Finally she spoke. "Well, of all the things I want you to marry Lark, what in the world are you out here proposing to me for?"

"I'm not proposing to you," he objected. "I'm just telling you about it."

"But what for? What's the object? Why don't you go and rave to her?"

"I thought telling you first was one way of breaking it to her gently."

"I'm perfectly disgusted with you," Carol went on, "perfectly. Here I've been expecting you to propose to me all week, and—"

"Propose to you! My stars!"

"Don't interrupt me," Carol snapped. "Last night I lay awake for hours—look at the rings beneath my eyes—"

"I don't see 'em," he interrupted again, smiling more broadly.

"Just thinking out a good flowery rejection for you, and then you trot me out here and propose to Lark! Well, if that isn't nerve!"

Jim laughed loudly at this. He was used to Carol, and enjoyed her little outbursts. "I can't think what on earth made you imagine I'd want to propose to you," he said, shaking his head as though appalled at the idea.

Carol's eyes twinkled at that, but she did not permit him to see it. "Why shouldn't I think so? Didn't you get a new girl suit? Haven't I the best complexion in Mount Mark? Don't all the men want to propose to a complexion like mine?"

He laughed again, then he sobered. "Do you think Lark will—"

"I think Lark will turn you down," said Carol promptly, "and I hope she does. You aren't good enough for her. No one in the world is good enough for Lark except myself. If she should accept you—I don't think she will, but if she does—"

Carol was silent a moment then. She was remembering many things—Lark's grave face that day in the parsonage when they had discussed the love of Jim, her own sweetest and her quiet manners during this visit, and one night when Carol, suddenly awakened, had found her weeping bitterly into her pillow. Lark had said it was a headache, and was better now, and Carol had gone to sleep again, but she remembered now that Lark never had a headache! And she remembered how very often lately Lark had put her arms around her face, and Lark was always withal, too, of late! She sighed. Yes, she caught on at last, "had been pushed on to it," she thought angrily. She had been a wicked, blind, hateful little simperton or else would have seen it long ago. But she said nothing of this to Jim.

"You'd better run along then and switch your proposal over to her, or I'm likely to accept you on my own account, just for a joke. And be sure and tell her I'm good and sure that I don't get a chance to see my flowerly rejection. And I'm almost sure she'll turn you down."

Then Carol stood in the path and watched Jim as he leaped lightly over fences and ran through the sweet meadow. She saw Lark spring to her feet and step out from the shade of an apple tree, and then Jim took her in his arms.

After that, Carol rushed into the house and up the stairs. She flung herself on her knees beside the bed and buried her face in the white spread.

"Lark," she whispered, "Lark!" She clenched her hands, and her shoulders shook. "My little twin," she cried out, "my nice old Lark!" Then she got up and walked back and forth across the floor. Sometimes she shook her fist. Sometimes a little crooked smile softened her lips. Once she stamped her foot, and then she paced up and down. Then she turned on the light and went to the mirror, where she smoothed her hair and powdered her face as carefully as ever.

"It's just a good joke on me," she said, smiling, "but it's just as good as one on Mrs. Forrest. I think I'll pretend I know it all along."

She found the woman lying in a hammock on the broad piazza where a hammock of light from the open door fell upon her. Carol stood beside her, smiling brightly.

"Mrs. Forrest," she said, "I know a perfectly delicious secret. Shall I tell you?"

The woman sat up, holding out her arms. Carol dropped on her knees beside her, smiling mischievously at the expression on her face.

"Cupid has been at work," she said softly, "and your own son has fallen a victim."

Mrs. Forrest smiled slightly, but she looked lovingly at the fair, sweet face. "I am sure I cannot wonder," she answered in a gentle voice. "Is it all settled?"

"I suppose so. At any rate he is proposing to her in the orchard, and I am pretty sure she's going to accept him."

Mrs. Forrest's arms felt away from Carol's shoulders. "Lark!" she ejaculated.

"Yes—didn't you know it?" Carol's voice was wildly and innocently surprised.

"Lark!" Mrs. Forrest was plainly dumfounded. "—I thought it was you!"

"Not!" Carol was intensely astonished. "Not! Oh, dear Mrs. Forrest, whatever in the world made you think that?"

"Why—I don't know," she faltered weakly. "I just naturally supposed it was you. I asked him once when he left his heart, and he said, 'At the parsonage,' and so of course I thought it was you."

Carol laughed gayly. "What a joke," she cried. "But you are more fortunate than I am expected, for it is my precious old Lark. But don't be too glad about it, or you may hurt my feelings."

"Well, I am surprised, I confess, but I believe I like Lark as well as I do you, and of course Jim's the one to decide. People say Lark is more sensible than you are, but it takes a good bit of a man to get beyond a face as pretty as yours. I'm kind of proud of Jim."

After fairly's wedding Carol naturally felt lonely. They had been such constant companions that the parting was sorrowful for both. Carol's thoughts frequently dwelt on their days of mischief in the old parsonage before Prudence was married, remembering especially one April fool joke that was decidedly on the twins.

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Fairly threw up her hands. "So it seems. An errand for papa." She lifted her brows and purred up her lips, and the wicked joy in her face pierced the mantle of Prudence's absorption again.

"What's up?" she questioned curiously, following her sister down the steps.

Fairly looked about hurriedly, and then whispered a few words of explanation. Prudence's look changed to one of unnaturally sly glee.

"Good! Fine! Serve 'em right! You'd better hurry."

"Tell Aunt Grace, will you? But don't let Connie in until morning. She'd give it away."

At supertime fairly returned, and the twins, their eyes bright with the unholy light of mischief, never looked at her. They sometimes looked heavenward with a sublime contentment, occasionally they uttered cryptic words about the morrow—and the older members of the family smiled pleasantly, but Connie shuddered. She remembered so many April Fool's days.

The family usually hung together on occasions of this kind, feeling there was safety and sympathy in numbers—as so many cowards have felt for so many years. And thus it happened that they were all in the dining room when their father appeared at the door. He had his hands behind his back suggestively.

"Twins," he said, without preamble, "what do you want more than anything else?"

"Silk stockings," was the prompt and unanimous answer.

He laughed. "Good guess, wasn't it?" And tossed into their eager hands two slender boxes, nicely wrapped. The others gathered about them with smiling eyes as the twins tremulously tore off the wrappings.

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"Oh, papa!" "Oh, you darling!" And then, when they had some sort of control of their joy, Lark said solemnly, "Papa, it is a gift from heaven."

"Of course we give you the credit, papa," Carol amended quickly, "but the thought was heaven-sent."

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Carol twisted her box nervously. "You know, papa, it may seem very childish, and—silly to you, but—actually—we have—well, prayed for silk stockings. We didn't honestly expect to get them, though—not until we saved up enough money enough to get them ourselves. Heaven is kinder to us than we are."

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The smiles on the family faces were rather stereotyped by this time, but the exulting twins did not notice. Lark looked at Carol fondly. Carol sighed at Lark blissfully. Then, with one accord, they lifted the covers from the boxes and drew out the shimmering hose. Yes—shimmering—but they shook them out for inspection! Their faces paled a little.

"They—they are very—"

Carol cut across. "Then she stopped. The hose were a fine tissue-paper imitation of silk stockings! The 'April Fool, little twins,' on the toes was not necessary for their enlightenment. They looked at their father with sad but unrepentant reproach in their swiftly shadowed eyes.

"It—it's a good joke," stammered Carol, moistening her dry lips with her tongue.

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